



**News from the President**

It has been a busy time since our last Newsletter. I have completed visits to Ambulatory Surgery meetings in India, Denmark and Portugal and we have had the General Assembly meeting in Barcelona. The General Assembly is held once a year and it brings 2 representatives from each member country of the IAAS together to discuss the business of running the association and the development of day surgery across the world. During the meeting in Barcelona we were able to visit the Congress centre for next year's IAAS Congress and I can report it is very impressive. Barcelona is a beautiful city with lots of interest for visitors to see - so it will be a good opportunity for colleagues from across the globe to perhaps spend a few extra days there around the Congress. The General Assembly was an important meeting as it was time to decide where the IAAS Congress should be in 2017. We had 2 excellent presentations from France and China and the committee found it difficult to decide between them. We have therefore decided to go to Beijing in 2017 and then Paris in 2019 with the possibility of also providing a regional meeting in France in 2016. This is really exciting and we will keep you posted with any developments. Please remember our Journal is freely available on our website and the Editors are always looking for contributions from around the world. Are you doing something interesting in your unit? Why not write to the Editors and let us know about it. In the meantime I wish you all a fruitful summer.



**Ian Jackson, President**

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**International News and Comments**

**Honors and Awards**



Dr. Paulo Lemos was awarded the 2014 Society for Ambulatory Anesthesia (SAMBA) Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his outstanding service to Ambulatory Anesthesia and promoting the role of anesthesiologists as leaders in the field. The SAMBA distinguished Service Award (DSA) is the highest honor SAMBA can bestow upon an individual for exceptional service to Ambulatory Anesthesia. The award was presented on Friday April 25, 2014 during the SAMBA 29th annual meeting in Baltimore.

**The Indian Association of Day Surgery**

The 7<sup>th</sup> National Conference of The Indian Association of Day Surgery was recently held on the 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> of April, 2014, in the city of Chennai. This was the first time that the conference was held over 2 days. The first day was dedicated to televised live demonstrations of anaesthetic blocks, followed by surgery and then visiting the patients prior to discharge later in the day. Another first for our meeting was the separate parallel session for Nurses, who have now been inducted as Associate members of the Association. The meeting was graced by Dr. Ian Jackson, IAAS President, and other International speakers, with the participation of 230 delegates. The theme of the Conference was: Day Surgery: making it happen in India.



The Day Surgery Journal of India released its 10<sup>th</sup> issue with 10 articles from India itself. A new Handbook for Day Surgery, authored by yours truly, was published and released during the Conference. This book touches on all aspects of making Day Surgery simple to understand and implement in India. Finally, we had our biennial elections during our GBM. I get to be the President for another two years!

**Dr T. Naresh Row**

**President, The Indian Association of Day Surgery and Editor, Day Surgery Journal of India**

## **Ambulatory Surgery Center Association - ASCA, Alexandria, VA, USA**

### **ASCA Offers Fall ASC Management Seminar**

ASCA's 2014 Fall Seminar, October 9–11, 2014, in Scottsdale, Arizona, will feature 2½ days of in-depth educational sessions on key ASC clinical, business and materials management topics. The seminar will also offer extensive networking opportunities, the Certified Administrator Surgery Center (CASC) Review Course and the CASC qualifying exam.

The CASC Review Course—a detailed review of the key areas of ASC administration— will be offered on Thursday, October 9. The CASC exam will be administered Saturday, October 11.

This seminar is aimed at ASC professionals seeking advanced content on ways to improve their clinical and business operations, enhance their ASC's bottom line and make the most of new and emerging techniques and technology while remaining compliant with the ever-evolving regulatory criteria that apply.

Learn more about the seminar and register online at [www.ascassociation.org/EducationEvents](http://www.ascassociation.org/EducationEvents).

Please note that pre-registration is required for the CASC exam. For more information about the CASC credential and the exam, go to [www.aboutcasc.org](http://www.aboutcasc.org).

### **Health Affairs Journal Recognizes Cost Savings and Efficiencies Tied to ASCs**

Research published in the May 2014 issue of *Health Affairs* journal finds that ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs) in the United States save money and increase efficiency for Medicare, insurers and patients, while providing the same high quality care as hospital outpatient departments. The authors of the study—health economists Elizabeth Munnich of the University of Louisville and Stephen Parente of the University of Minnesota—conclude that "ASCs are a high-quality, lower-cost substitute for hospitals as venues for outpatient surgery." To read the full study, "Procedures Take Less Time At Ambulatory Surgery Centers, Keeping Costs Down And Ability To Meet Demand Up," see the May 2014 issue of *Health Affairs*.

The *Health Affairs* report bolsters the findings of two other recent studies that also demonstrate the cost savings that U.S. ASCs offer. To learn more about those studies, conducted by the U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General and the University of California-Berkeley, go to the Ambulatory Surgery Center Association's web site.

<http://www.ascassociation.org/AdvancingSurgicalCare/whattheexpertsaresaying>.

**Arnaldo Valedon, ASCA**

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## **ASECMA INFORMATION: IAAS 11th World Congress**

We are happy to inform you about IAAS 11th World Congress, which will take place in Barcelona on May 10th – 12th, 2015.

On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee we invite you to join us in Barcelona for the IAAS 11th World Congress, the 12th Congress of the Spanish Association and the 4th Iberian Congress on Ambulatory Surgery with the Portuguese Association (APCA).

Over the last years we have witnessed many innovative developments in day surgery and clinical applications in the field of Ambulatory Surgery. We are creating a scientific programme in which the interaction between speakers and audience is to be continuous and the basic aim for the congress.

The Scientific Committee is developing a programme with topics covering all the fields of interest in Day Surgery.



The sessions will include refresher lectures, symposia, pro/con debates, panel discussions, special workshops, symposia and of course free paper and poster presentations. We will try to involve different surgical specialties in the sessions. Moreover, it is our aim to point out the role of Nursing in Ambulatory Surgery in our Congress. Barcelona, with an excellent weather in the month of May and plenty beaches to visit, will proudly offer many social options to delegates.

Keep updated on the congress website

[www.iaascongress2015.com](http://www.iaascongress2015.com).

My colleagues and I look forward to welcoming you to Barcelona and to a very successful Congress.

**Miquel Prats Maeso**  
**Chairman, Local Organizing Committee**

## Calendar

### Spain – October 2-3, 2014

10th National Symposia of ASECOMA will be held in Las Palmas (Canary Islands)

### United States - October 10, 2014

The Society for Ambulatory Anesthesia SAMBA 2014 Mid Year Meeting will be held in New Orleans, LA, the day before ANESTHESIOLOGY, the American Society of Anesthesiology's annual meeting. For more information: SAMBA : Society for Ambulatory Anesthesia – Home

### Athens, Greece – October 17-18, 2014

IAAS Training Workshop Day Surgery: Making it Happen. For more information visit our the course pages on our website (click here)

### London, England – October 31, 2014

IAAS workshop on "The Future of Day Surgery" with the London School of Economics, the London School of hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the IAAS Executive Committee.

### Belgrade, Serbia – November 14-15, 2014

IAAS Follow-up Training Workshop *Day Surgery: Making it Happen – the Next Step*.

### Zagreb, Croatia – November 16-17, 2014

IAAS Training Workshop *Day Surgery: Making it Happen*. For more information visit our the course pages on our website (click here)

### The Netherlands - November 20, 2014

Dutch Society of Day Care & Short Stay (NVDK) annual congress will be held on November 20th in the Reehorst in Ede.

## IAAS TRAINING INITIATIVES

### Day Surgery: Making it Happen

Registration for the Training Workshops in Croatia and Greece are now open on the IAAS website. Consult our website for more information

### Call for host institutions

The IAAS is dedicated to driving the change in countries that are just beginning to develop and implement day surgery. Again this year, the IAAS has set up a professional Exchange fellowship for selected participants of IAAS training workshops to visit well-established day surgery centers of IAAS member countries.

If your institution would like to be a part of this mentoring experience please send an email to the IAAS president.

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